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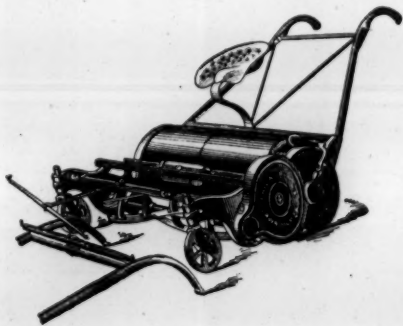
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JUNE is the anniversary of the establishment of *The Keystone*, and this number marks the beginning of its twelfth year as an official publication issued by Southern women in the interest of their federations of clubs and the Daughters of the Confederacy.

If permanency of residence, an unchanged management and the longest life of any woman's club publication registered in the United States postoffice are any signs of worth, *The Keystone* lays claim to these distinctions.

The women of five Southern States, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida and Mississippi, endorse this journal as their *official organ*, and hundreds of women in other States welcome it as a constant visitor among their current magazines. *The Keystone* represents officially twenty-two thousand Southern women banded together through organization, and the information given through its columns in regard to these women's co-operative endeavors can be found in print nowhere else.

The editors and the State managers in charge of the various departments again pledge another year of voluntary service to the work, and Southern women may claim as their own the oldest of all the *club journals*.

THE Tenth Biennial, one more link in the ever lengthening chain of great club gatherings, closed the club year of 1910 at Cincinnati, May 19, 1910; and while the attendance was not as large as at the Boston Biennial in 1908, the subjects discussed showed such breadth of view, such universal sympathy with all the great problems of the day, that one was impressed with the idea that the American clubwomen represents in concrete form the opinions of women today as wives, mothers, homemakers and citizens. Conservation was the keynote of the program, and the undercurrent in the informal discussions among the delegates was *conservation* in relation to the general federation itself. A detailed account of this meeting will be found in this issue of *The Keystone*. If this great body of organized womanhood will adhere to its ideals of democracy of spirit, co-operation and not competition among women, its influence for social service in the future will even excel its splendid achievements in the past.

The world is ever more and more taking into consideration *woman's opinions* as an important part of *public opinion*, and in proportion as this tribute is paid to educated, self-restrained, courageous, unselfish womanhood, just in such proportion will the white light of truth find its way into the overshadowed ways of community life.

THREE Southern States are represented on the new board of officers of the General Federation of Women's Clubs for 1910-12; Kentucky by Mrs. Desha Breckinridge; Louisiana by Mrs. J. Creighton Matthews, and North Carolina by Mrs. Eugene Reilley, as directors; while the office of treasurer is now filled by Mrs. John Threadgill, of Oklahoma, who is well known in the South as a prominent officer of the U. D. C. in Oklahoma.

VIRGINIA completed the list of southern states whose federations of women's clubs hold membership in the General Federation of Women's Clubs when her federation, at their recent convention in Danville, May 5th-6th, voted to join the general organization of American Clubwomen. All clubwomen gladly welcome the Old Dominion into the sisterhood of State federations, but especially is she welcomed by southern clubwomen who feel that nothing American is complete without the "*Mother of States*," and there was much rejoicing among the southern representatives in Cincinnati at Virginia's taking her place as a *State* among American clubwomen.

AMERICAN women are always fortunate in receiving a respectful hearing before any body of representative American men. It is interesting to learn that at the recent Conference of Governors held in Washington on January 20th, the Governors of New York, New Jersey and Colorado were notified by telegraph that a delegation of three women from their respective States would be in Washington to ask for the right to speak to the Governors for five minutes on the subject of the political status of women in the various States. The Governor of New York moved to give these women a hearing. Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch read the appeal to the Governors to consider this question since they were assembled to discuss needed legislation on matters not considered or regulated by the Federal Government. The Chairman of the Conference, Governor Wilson of Kentucky, promised to appoint a committee to investigate the subject and report to the next meeting of the Governors. And thus this delegation of women was received and listened to with respectful attention by a gathering of the most representative men in America.

SUMMER rest has such an alluring sound, and yet how many of us fail to grasp its possibilities. Up in the mountains, down to the seashore, some of us troop in crowds and miss the great secrets which nature holds for tired humanity. If every woman who plans a summer vacation could only find a spot where she might be absolutely alone for some time each day, so that she could look into her own heart and soul and grow spiritually, and if every one could know the restful influence of darkness, the soft, deep darkness of a still summer night enfolding one, what mental and physical peace would be gained by these experiences.

Silence, darkness, isolation, all are needed to counterbalance the stress and strain of modern life, and the earnest woman, who would grow well-poised, patient, helpful and wise, will seek in her summer outing these three great influences for spiritual growth, and under their reviving power will return to her usual occupations and amusements in the autumn a calmer, more companionable and more helpful member of her community.

WITH this issue of *The Keystone* the club year closes, the next issue will be the October one.

I AM PLEASED to renew my subscription to *The Keystone*, and also my consciousness that you keep well to the fore our Civil Service Reform matters.
 Concord, Mass., March, 1910.
 MISS PERKINS.

OFFICIAL CLUB NEWS

For the State Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina, Mississippi, North Carolina, Florida and Virginia.
(This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.)

SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for South Carolina to Mrs. John Russell, Greenville, S. C., Corresponding Secretary, S. C. F. W. C., Manager.

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Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. John Russell, Greenville, S. C.
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(75 Clubs—5,300 Members.)

THE South Carolina Federation was represented at the Cincinnati Biennial by the State President, Mrs. J. M. Visanska, Mrs. Lee Loeb, Mrs. Albert Litschgi, Charleston, and Miss Louisa Poppenheim, a member of the Board of Directors of the General Federation.

The South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs offers a full scholarship at Winthrop College, open to young women in South Carolina, September 1, 1910. This scholarship consists of free tuition and \$104 in money for living expenses at the college. Applicants for this scholarship must be at least 16 years of age, be able to enter freshman class at Winthrop, must pledge themselves to complete the four years' course offered by the federation, and must teach in rural schools one year. They must present a certificate stating that their family cannot afford to pay for their education, and must be endorsed by the president of a club in the federation. Applications for this scholarship must be filed with the undersigned not later than June 15. Applicants are reminded that they must qualify on every point named to be considered eligible for this scholarship.

Greenville, S. C. MRS. C. E. GRAHAM,
Chairman Education Committee, S. C. F. W. C.

THE COLUMBIA CITY FEDERATION was organized in Columbia May 7th in the auditorium of the College for Women, with the following clubs as charter members: New Century Club, Current Literature Club, G. F. C. Alumnae Association, Columbia College Alumnae Association, Rescue Orphanage Auxiliary, Civic League, Afternoon Music Club, Shandon Flower Club. The Federation will take active steps towards preparation for the entertainment of the South Carolina Federation in Columbia next spring. Mrs. W. B. Burney was elected president, Miss Belle Williams, secretary, and Mrs. R. W. Gibbs, treasurer. This is the sixth City Federation in South Carolina, the one in Charleston being the very first (organized 1899); the others are Rock Hill, Greenville, Orangeburg and Anderson.

WE REGRET that Timrod Circle could send only one delegate to the Charleston Convention, but we all have enjoyed the great pleasure of having Mrs. Visanska address the Summerville Clubs recently.

EMMA J. LADD.

WE ARE so pleased with the marked copies of *The Keystone* we have received and wish to take it in the chapter. We have changed the name of our chapter to "Florence Thornwell," in honor of Mrs. Dr. J. H. Thornwell, who organized the chapter and was the only president we had ever had. She had so many friends throughout the State I thought it would be of interest.

(MRS.) BESSIE C. GRIER,
President Florence Thornwell Chapter, U. D. C.

MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for Mississippi to Mrs. W. M. Cason, 116 De Soto Street, Clarksdale, Miss.

President—Mrs. Daisy B. Lamkin, Friar's Point.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Thomas Brady, Brookhaven.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. O. G. Johnston, Friar's Point.
56 Clubs—1,000 Members.

THE Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs held its twelfth annual convention at Columbus, April 13-15. The Executive Board and Credential Committee met in the afternoon of the 13th and the convention was formally opened that evening; the address of welcome was made by President Whitfield, and Mrs. W. B. Lockwood, of Crystal Springs, gave the response. After a musical selection, Miss Pauline Orr delivered an interesting lecture on Robert Browning. Thursday morning at 9:15 the meeting was called to order by the president, and after greetings from many State Federations, the reports of officers were given. Miss Thomas, of the College, made a splendid address on *Compulsory Education* at the afternoon session. The reports of chairmen showed increased interest in the state work. The Reading Circle gave a beautiful reception Thursday afternoon in the parlors of the Stone Hotel, which was enjoyed by all delegates. The evening session proved a great success and consisted of a literary and musical symposium. The club reports showed a marked improvement in local work. After much discussion it was decided not to increase the Federation dues, but cut down expenses of the year-book by supplying free copies only to the presidents and secretaries of clubs. Mr. Whitfield gave a valuable talk on the Home Improvement Association on Friday afternoon. The contributions to scholarship fund amounted to \$175. The permanent fund of \$200 now in the treasury will go to Miss Elise Timberlake to pay expenses for another year at Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York. The treasurer reported \$100 paid to the General Federation English Scholarship fund; this scholarship has been awarded to Miss Juliet Points, N. Y. A sub-committee on *Health* was appointed from the federated clubs of Meridian, Mrs. J. W. Millspaugh, chairman, to conduct an educational health campaign; the place of meeting was referred to the Board of Directors to be settled at the November meeting. The play given by the college girls, "*The Girls of 1776*," for the pleasure of the clubwomen, was one of the most artistic amateur performances we have ever seen. The following officers were elected: Miss Daisy B. Lamkin, Friars Point, president; Mrs. David Cohn, Brookhaven, first vice-president; Mrs. W. H. Smith, Durant, second vice-president; Miss Julia Brady, Brookhaven, recording secretary; Mrs. J. C. Fant, Meridian, treasurer.

THE MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION was represented at the Cincinnati Biennial by the following delegates: Mrs. Daisy B. Lamkin, president; Mrs. Thos. Brady, Brookhaven; Mrs. J. E. Daughtie and Mrs. W. D. Meeds, Meridian; Miss Susie Powell, Jackson; Mrs. Thos. Foster, Vicksburg.

THE NEW CENTURY CLUB, West Point, has been most active during the past year. On January 30th a special meeting was devoted to *Domestic Science*, when Miss Pel-leens of the Domestic Science Department of I. I. & C., gave a most instructive lecture showing the great necessity of having girls in school learn how to cook and to keep house properly; then followed a cooking exhibit by club members. Later in the year the club had Mr. Weed, of Chicago, deliver a lecture on *The City Beautiful*, which proved an inspiration to all present. April 27 the club held its annual *Clean-up Day*. Through the co-operation of mayor, health officer and colored preachers, the city was systematically cleaned in every district, and prizes were offered to the school children for collecting largest trash piles, citizens having been requested to burn all trash possible. Wagons were busy all day collecting trash put on edge of streets, and the various committees worked most faithfully. Again the club scored a great success in its annual reception complimentary to its club husbands, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Morrow. The president, Mrs. Howorth, acted as toastmistress, and the officers with their husbands received with Mr. and Mrs. Morrow. The toasts were responded to by members and husbands; some of them being: *Our Husbands; Clubwomen as the Presiding Genius of the Home; the Club Woman versus the Society Woman; Do Clubwomen Rule Their Husbands; Our Children; The Ideal Club Husband, etc.*

THE MERIDIAN CLUB has been deeply interested in the subject of health and besides working faithfully on Red Cross stamps have had a series of lectures by Dr. Champe-nois on the fight against tuberculosis.

I think I never enjoyed anything so much as the Cincinnati Biennial. One of the greatest pleasures was the contact with so many charming women. I shall try to send all my lukewarm members after this, for it fills one with enthusiasm. * * * One hundred and fifty of us went over to Mammoth Cave, and it was a delightful jaunt after the two strenuous weeks we had just spent.

DAISY B. LAMKIN, President.

NORTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for North Carolina to Miss Gertrude Weil, Goldsboro, N. C., Chairman on Publication.

President—Mrs. Eugene Reilley, Charlotte, N. C.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. G. W. Whitsett, Greensboro.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Bryant, Charlotte.
(51 Clubs—1,500 Members.)

THE eighth annual convention of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs was held in Henderson, May 3-6. The members of the executive board were entertained at luncheon on Tuesday, May 3, by Mrs. S. P. Cooper. The convention was opened by the president, Mrs. Eugene Reilley, of Charlotte, at 8:30 P. M. in the courthouse. The invocation was made by Rev. R. C. Craven, and followed by the singing of "Carolina." Mayor H. T. Powell in a witty address welcomed the visitors to the city of Henderson, and Mrs. J. T. Alderman extended a cordial welcome from the Henderson clubs. Greetings from the individual hostess clubs were given by Mrs. S. P. Cooper, the Woman's Tuesday Club; Miss Rebecca Watkins, the Alma Club; Miss Birdie Watson, the Students' Club; and by

Mrs. F. R. Harris, the Kensington Club. Mrs. C. C. Hood, of Charlotte, made the response. The annual address of the president showed a keen insight into the needs of the Federation and an appreciation of the organization's growth. A new feature of this year's program was the presentation of greetings from fraternal organizations. Mrs. Williams, State Regent of U. D. C., and Mrs. Burgwyn, of the King's Daughters, represented their respective organizations, and greetings from the D. A. R. were also read. Wednesday morning the program opened with an invocation by Rev. I. W. Hughes and the singing of "America." A greeting was read from the former recording secretary, Mrs. W. C. A. Hammel, who resigned during the year. Mrs. G. W. Whitsett, of Greensboro, served as recording secretary during the convention. The corresponding secretary's report showed an increase of 18 clubs and 865 members for the past year, with a total enrollment of 57 clubs and 1,815 members. Reports of the officers showed steady growth. The Credential Committee reported 72 votes present. Greetings were read from Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, director for the South Atlantic States in the General Federation, and from many State Federation presidents. Mrs. John L. Gilmer, of Winston-Salem, reported federation pins for sale. The representatives of the newly federated clubs were introduced by the president. The reports of chairmen of departments were given as follows: Publication by Miss Gertrude Weil, Goldsboro; Household Economics by Mrs. W. G. Rogers, Charlotte; Child Study by Mrs. R. R. Cotten, Bruce; Forestry and Waterways by Mrs. W. T. Cocke, Asheville (report read by Miss Fries, acting corresponding secretary), and Industrial and Child Labor by Mrs. D. Y. Cooper, Henderson. On motion of Mrs. Cotton it was voted to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Board and abolish the Department of Child Study. At the request of Mrs. Cooper, the representatives of various clubs made pledges of subscriptions to the Stone-wall Jackson Industrial and Training School for the following year. Mrs. F. L. Stevens, of Raleigh, presented the report of the Education Department, and the corresponding secretary read Miss Denson's report as Federation Custodian. Miss Anna Casler, Y. W. C. A. secretary for the Carolinas and Virginia, explained the aims and work of her organization. The remainder of the afternoon session was occupied with the reports of the individual clubs. The evening session opened with two musical selections by Miss Mabel Harris and Miss Lula Page, of Henderson. The president then introduced Mrs. W. R. Hollowell, Goldsboro, of the Federation Committee on Health, who introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. W. S. Rankin, a member of the State Board of Health, who spoke with authority on the prevalence, the curability and the preventability of diseases, emphasizing the case of tuberculosis and its prevention. The morning session of Thursday, May 5, opened with an invocation by Rev. R. M. Andrews. The new Federation hymn, composed by Mrs. Cotten and set to music by Mrs. E. C. Duncan, was sung by a chorus and practiced by all the members present. The reports of chairmen of departments and committees were given as follows: Civics by Mrs. R. W. Hicks, read by Miss Parsley; Legislative by Mrs. James

Briggs; Library Extension by Mrs. J. T. Alderman; Art by Mrs. E. R. Michaux; Music by Mrs. L. C. Duncan. In connection with the Library Extension report Mrs. Sol Weil, recently appointed member of the State Library Commission, spoke of the Commission and urged the Federation to support its work in a material way. It was voted that the Federation undertake through legislative enactment to have the commission appropriation increased. Mrs. Michaux called attention to the excellent loan collection of water color paintings and photographs on exhibition in the building, a part of the "fine arts" program. Mrs. Duncan presented two original composition, also a part of the "fine arts" program—a national hymn by Mrs. Mercer, and a lullaby by Mrs. Speight. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. E. Reilley (Charlotte); first vice-president, Mrs. Sol. Weil (Goldsboro); second vice-president, Mrs. James Briggs (Raleigh); recording secretary, Mrs. G. W. Whitsett (Greensboro); corresponding secretary, Mrs. Bryant (Charlotte); treasurer, Mrs. B. H. Hayes (Oxford); auditor, Mrs. F. R. Harris (Henderson); General Federation secretary, Miss Rebecca Watkins (Henderson). In the afternoon Mr. Routzahn, of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society, gave an informal talk on the white plague and the means of its eradication. His talk was graphically illustrated with charts, diagrams, and sample posters. In the evening a delightful program was given. The Contemporary Club, a gentlemen's club, of Henderson, presented complimentary to the Federation a Shakespearean lecture and recital by Professor and Mrs. Wade R. Brown. Then followed the reading of two papers, one on the "The Viking Age," written by Mrs. W. L. Nicholson (Charlotte), and read by Mrs. C. C. Hook; the other on "The Development of the Drama," by Mrs. W. C. A. Hammel (Greensboro), and read by Miss Fries (Winston-Salem). These papers were the two chosen among those offered in the Literature Department contest. The meeting of Friday morning, May 6, concluded the convention. The most decided changes in the organization of the Federation were those to abolish the Child Study Department and to create a department of Health, Club Extension, and Civil Service Reform. There were many delightful social affairs that relieved the tedium of business. The beautiful reception Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. R. J. Corbitt, luncheons served on Wednesday and Thursday at the home of Mrs. Zollicoffer, next door to the courthouse, by the hostess clubs. Mrs. D. Y. Cooper's reception on Wednesday in honor of the president, Mrs. Reilley, and Thursday afternoon all members enjoyed the reception by the Whitmel Blount Chapter, D. A. R., at the Croatan Club. In addition to these formal functions, the careful thought and hospitable care of each Henderson hostess made the eighth annual convention of the North Carolina Federation one long to be remembered.

GERTRUDE WEIL.

THE NORTH CAROLINA Federation was represented at the Cincinnati Biennial by the following delegates: Mrs. Eugene Reilley, president of State Federation, Mrs. W. G. Rogers, Charlotte; Mrs. F. L. Stevens, Mrs. E. C. Duncan, Raleigh; Mrs. S. Weil, Miss Gertrude Weil, Greensboro; and Mrs. A. A. Hicks, Oxford, alternate. The Woman's

Club, Charlotte, by Mrs. C. C. Hook and Mrs. Tingley; and Sorosis of Wilmington by Mrs. Barrantine and Mrs. Bolky.

North Carolina was honored at the Biennial by having her State President, Mrs. Reilley, elected a member of the Board of Directors of the General Federation.

FLORIDA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for Florida to Mrs. John W. Wideman, Deland, Fla.

President—Mrs. Lena W. Shackleford, Tallahassee.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. C. B. Farrell, Live Oak.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lilla Lewis, Tallahassee.
(28 Clubs—1,200 Members.)

AS the days go by and I rest a little, the truth is borne in upon me that I was most fortunate to have been a part of that great meeting in Cincinnati, even in a very small way. I was quietly learning my lesson and I hope I may go to all Biennials in the future. Florida has some fine clubwomen and I would rejoice to have the General Federation know more about them. The Florida Federation was represented at the Cincinnati Biennial by the following delegates: Mrs. Thos. M. Shackleford, president of the Federation; Miss Kathryn Thorp, Mrs. Frank E. Jennings, Mrs. H. O. Wood. The *DeLand Woman's Club* by Mrs. R. F. Lutz, Mrs. J. W. Wideman. The *Jacksonville Woman's Club* by Mrs. W. P. Corbett, Mrs. Capen, Mrs. H. S. Jemson. *Palmetto Club*, Daytona, by Mrs. Graham Thompson, Mrs. J. B. Downing. The *V. I. A.*, Ormond, by Miss H. Walters.

LENA W. SHACKELFORD,
President Florida Federation.

VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

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Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. P. H. Hydenschich, Staunton.
Treasurer—Miss Blanche Slicer, Montvale.
Clubs 14—822 Members.

THE third annual convention of the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs was held in Danville, May 3d to 6th, opening with a musicale and reception at the colonial home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wyllie, on Tuesday night. Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony was exquisitely rendered by the Misses Brewer and Miss Burmeister, and other musical numbers given by Miss Geisicke and Miss Thomas, after which a reception was held to give an opportunity to the delegates to meet the clubwomen of Danville. The house was a bower of roses. Wednesday morning the first session of the convention was held in the auditorium of the new Y. M. C. A. building and was opened by Dr. W. R. Laird, of the First Presbyterian Church, with invocation and an inspiring address on woman's work. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. J. F. Parker, of the Wednesday Club, in the absence of its president, Mrs. Robertson; the response was made by Mrs. M. M. Caldwell, president of the Civic Betterment Club, Roanoke. The Credential Committee reported 22 delegates present, with 28 votes. Tele-

grams of greetings were read from Mrs. Carrington, president of the Federation, who was absent in Richmond on account of the illness of her daughter, also from Mrs. Robertson, president of the Wednesday Club, who was absent on account of illness, and from Mrs. Moore, president of the General Federation. Mrs. Carrington's address will be printed and sent to the clubs, as she was unable to send it to the Danville meeting. The thanks of the Federation are due Mrs. Austin Quick, first vice-president, who came so nobly to their aid in the absence of the State President, and who presided so graciously at all sessions. Four new clubs were admitted since last May—The Literary Club of Highland Springs; the Literary and Current Events Club of Falls Church, Fairfax County; the Woman's Club, Keysville; and the Business Woman's Club, Lynchburg, which is a branch of the Van Dyke League. One club resigned—the Round Dozen Club of Pulaski. Mrs. Morton, of Alexandria, chairman of Art, sent a most excellent report of work of her committee. Miss Stuart, chairman of Conservation, is in Europe and sent no report. It was much regretted, as there is so much interest in Conservation and so much need of work along that line. Mrs. Strother gave a splendid report on Library Extension and hopes by next session to get the bill for Library Commission through the legislature; she spoke of the splendid work being accomplished by the special study libraries being sent out by the State library, but regretted that there were only 79 school libraries and 3 free libraries in Virginia. There was much discussion after each report, showing the interest taken in these matters. The entertainment committee of the Wednesday club served a beautiful luncheon at the Y. M. C. A. hall to give the delegates an opportunity for social converse, and delegates from other organizations in Danville were present. In the afternoon the chairman of Music, Literature, Reciprocity and Press made good reports, and the invitation of the Civic Betterment Club of Roanoke for the next convention was accepted by the board of directors. The beautiful reception given by Mrs. S. R. Dula in her lovely home was enjoyed by all delegates. Wednesday night Dr. Stone of the University of Virginia, made an able address in behalf of the bill presented to the legislature for a college for women, co-ordinate with the University. His appeal was so strong and practical that had it been offered before the legislature they surely would not have tabled the bill. The Federation owes him a vote of thanks for coming before them, and for the forceful address. The reports of Mrs. Koehler on Civics, and Miss Lucy Davis on Education, were read and accepted with thanks—neither of these chairmen being present. Mrs. Paxton, chairman of Industrial Education and the Home, gave a splendid report that was an inspiration to all present, showing wonderful work. The five minutes reports of the presidents of clubs were so inspiring I wish we could give them verbatim. The reports given by the new clubs who have just joined the Federation, showed they have come in the Federation to help in the great work of the State. As Mrs. Carrington declined to accept the presidency for another term, the election resulted as follows: Mrs. J. T. Harris, Danville, president; Mrs. Austin Quick, Lynchburg, first vice-president; Mrs. M. M. Caldwell, Roanoke, second vice-president; Mrs. Walter Ruan, Bedford

City, recording secretary; Mrs. J. E. Perkinson, Danville, corresponding secretary; Miss Blanche Slicer, Montvale, treasurer; Miss Izna De Wolf, Highland Springs, auditor. Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Perkinson resigned and another ballot was taken Thursday night when Mrs. W. W. King (Staunton) was elected president, and on nomination of Mrs. King, Mrs. P. H. Hydensick, Staunton, was elected corresponding secretary. Thursday afternoon the delegates and visiting members were taken in automobiles and carriages to the Country Club, three miles from town, and overlooking the beautiful Dan River, where a social hour was spent over the teacups. The rooms were beautifully decorated with the Wednesday Club colors, yellow and white roses and peonies being used effectively. The guests were seated at small tables where they were served with dainty refreshments. The view of the river and lake, with a background of hills, covered with fine old trees, and with the setting sun giving glorious colors to the scene, was one not to be forgotten. At eight o'clock Thursday night the last session of the convention was held at the Y. M. C. A., when "Talks by Visiting Clubwomen" was the gem of the program. Mrs. Kyle, the first president of the Federation, introduced the speakers. Mrs. Patrick, president of the Benevolent Association of Danville, the first woman's organization founded in Danville, of which she has been president for 25 years, gave a most cordial greeting to the convention and congratulated the Federation on their splendid work accomplished. Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, first president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, brought greetings from the North Carolina Federation and entertained the audience with her wisdom and wit, and spoke of the benefit North Carolina had gained from her union with the General Federation. Mrs. Johnston, of Birmingham, Ala., charmed the convention by her beautiful address, speaking most feelingly of the work in prison reforms and boys' reformatory accomplished by the Alabama clubwomen. She moved the audience to tears in citing incidents of her own experience in dealing with the young criminals, that, as they themselves expressed it "ain't had no chance"—and she made an eloquent appeal for those living in the Appalachian range who are descended from some of the greatest of our heroes, but who have had no chance for education and development. Miss Louisa Poppenheim, of South Carolina, an ex-president of the South Carolina Federation, and director of the General Federation, gave a most hearty greeting from her Federation and encouraged us by what had been accomplished in her State, speaking also of what the General Federation had done for them, and making an appeal to Virginia to go in with the great army of women who are working for the good of our country. It is a compliment to her address that the Virginia Federation voted *that night* to join the General Federation, and a telegram to that effect was sent to Mrs. Moore, the president of the General Federation. Many delegates accepted the invitation of the superintendent of schools and visited the new Risne Park Public School, a model school completed this year.

LIZZIE F. PERKINSON,

Cor. Sec. Virginia Federation, 1909-1910.

MRS. WILLIAMSON represented the Wednesday Afternoon Club of Danville at the Cincinnati Biennial.

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

President—Mrs. Philip N. Moore, 3125 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Frank N. Shiek, Wheatland, Wyo.

The Cincinnati Biennial.

[The Tenth Biennial Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Cincinnati, May 10-19, 1910.]

THE Tenth Biennial Convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, held in Cincinnati, marked the 21st anniversary of the organization of the General Federation. The symphony concert under the direction of Leopold Strovoski, tendered by the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs on Tuesday night, May 10th, in Music Hall, was a fitting introduction to the program, and the formal opening of the Biennial took place Wednesday evening in Music Hall, where addresses of welcome were made by Governor Harmon of Ohio, Mayor Schwab of Cincinnati, Mr. Melish, chairman of the Cincinnati Business Men's League, Mrs. Broomhall, president of the Ohio Federation, and Mrs. Laurence Maxwell, chairman of local Biennial board. Mrs. Philip M. Moore, president of the General Federation, made the response, and Rev. Charles Frederick Goss of Cincinnati made an able address on *Conservation*, taking the place of Hon. James Garfield, who was detained at home by illness. Bishop Vincent of Ohio gave the invocation and the Orpheus Club (men) rendered several selections during the evening, the program closing with the singing of "America" by the entire audience. All main sessions were held in Music Hall and the plan as carried out consisted of a morning or main session, with reports from committees and general business from 9:15 until 1 o'clock, conference of standing committees from 2:30 to 5:30, and open meetings in the evenings, when the public generally was welcomed. This Biennial was not as large as former Biennials, but showed an increased attendance from Southern States. The Credential Committee reported as present 797 delegates, including officers and chairmen, and 300 alternates, Ohio leading, 163; Illinois, 109; Massachusetts, 62; while at Boston there were 1,204 present. At Boston every member of the Board of Directors was present; at Cincinnati, Mrs. Sherman, 2d vice-president, Mrs. Allan, Mrs. Carpenter and Mrs. Hancock were detained at home by illness; but while there were only 89 Southern delegates at Boston, there were 138 at Cincinnati. Every Southern State Federation president was present with the exception of Virginia and Louisiana, and the representation was as follows: Alabama 6, Arkansas 7, Florida 12, Georgia 7, Kentucky 51, Louisiana 7, Maryland 8, Mississippi 6, North Carolina 11, South Carolina 4, Tennessee 9, Texas 10. The reports of the officers showed that 231 clubs had been admitted during the past year, Ohio leading with 69, also the State Federation of Nevada, and an application from Virginia Federation, while 65 clubs had resigned; \$26,000 had been received, \$14,000 had been expended, leaving a balance on hand of \$12,000, of which \$2,134 represented the amount raised for the English Scholarship. The salary of the manager of the Bureau of Information is \$1,800 for the two years, her stenographer \$600 for the Biennial period, and the total expenses of the Bureau, not counting the compilation and distribution of the directories, is almost \$4,000 for the two years. Mrs. Moore in her

report as president recommended the continuance of the Bureau of Information; combination of Forestry and Waterways Committees into Conservation department; combination of Health and Food Sanitation Committees into Department of Public Health; change of Child Labor and Industrial Committee to Industrial and Social Conditions; establishment of a permanent endowment fund, and the compilation of a history of the General Federation for past 20 years. These were adopted, but her recommendation to change Civil Service Reform Committee to the Merit System did not carry, as the convention, led by Miss Bacon and Miss Clarke, past chairmen of Civil Service Reform Committee, were opposed to such a change, and the committee remains *Civil Service Reform*. In the constitutional amendments the proposed increased dues for State Federations, the change in form of Nominating Committee and increased power delegated to Council, all failed to carry. Pennsylvania presented a plan at the Council for reorganization along the lines of the United States Congress, that of two houses, and while this plan had many warm supporters, and there was a strong sentiment in favor of some sort of reorganization, the plan was not brought up before the convention. All of the chairmen of standing committees gave their reports in person except the chairman of Legislative, who was detained at home by illness. Each chairman had speakers of her own selection on her special topic and the very best available talent was secured. In *Art*, Mrs. Pattison presented Mr. Henry Turner Bailey, of Boston, who spoke on *Practical Art for Women's Clubs*, making a plea for application of artistic standards in woman's dress and in house furnishings. He urged co-operation with public schools and dwelt on the necessity for tree wardens, park commissions and art commissions, and ended with a plea for the General Federation to work for the adoption of the laurel as the national flower of America; this matter was referred back to the State Federations. The art conference was held at the Art Academy, Eden Park. Mrs. Pattison claimed for her committee the placing of Art on the free list, and establishment of many Art Commissions, and announced the second edition of *Handbook of Art* ready in autumn. Mrs. Agnes Pound spoke on Junior Civic League work, and Mr. Patterson, of University of Sewanee, on Organized Civic Art, showing its power on the billboard nuisance. At the close of the conference a beautiful reception was given by the Cincinnati Woman's Art Club in the Art Museum. In *Civics*, Mrs. Moulton, Chairman, made a plea for citizenship and Rev. Dana W. Bartlett, Los Angeles, Cal., spoke of the uncivic condition of average tenement life. At the conference many delegates told of their work for playgrounds, clean-up days and legislation against billboards. The *Health Department*, Mrs. Rufus William, chairman, reported committees in 48 States, and great activity in visiting nurses' associations, establishment of camps and enforcement of local health ordinances. Dr. Alvin Davidson, Lafayette College, Pa., in his address, "*The Drinking Cup in Its Relation to Health*," urged all clubwomen to work for the abolition of public drinking cups in schools, railway stations and all public places, and at the conference the question of pure milk for poor mothers, and work against tuberculosis, were dis-

cussed freely. In *Forestry*, Mrs. Gerard reported activity in tree planting, and made a plea for protection of birds, for State Foresters and State legislation for forestry laws. In the absence of Mr. Pinchot she presented Mr. Wm. L. Hall, of the United States Forestry Service, who paid a tribute to the clubwomen for their help in forestry conservation. He claimed that waste in forests, through stumps, tops, defective trees, insects, and parts left in forest, amounts to 67 per cent. This waste can be checked by co-operation of lumber using public, government and proper lumbering methods. At her conference Mr. Start, secretary American Forestry Association, urged continued efforts in behalf of the establishment of State forests. The sub-committee on *Waterways* presented as their speaker Hon. Joseph E. Ransdell, Louisiana, president of National Rivers and Harbors Congress, who, in an eloquent address on "*Our National Waterways*," made a plea for cheaper transportation by development of waterways, the natural ways of nature. Mrs. Crocker, of Massachusetts, spoke of the waste in killing animals, birds and fishes in "*Other Wastes*," and at the conference Mrs. Wilkinson, chairman, presented a number of speakers prominent in the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, who urged the clubwomen to continued effort in this direction. In *Household Economics*, Mrs. Guldlin reported that her committee had expended \$600 in the past two years, the committee having raised this fund by themselves; she made a plea for simpler and better ways of living, and spoke of the good accomplished in many states by agricultural colleges, and in institute work. Her speakers, Miss Mary Rausch, Colorado State Agricultural College, in "*Domestic Science Woman's Noblest Calling*," and Miss Van Rensselaer, Cornell University Agricultural College, in "*Education for Girls*," both made strong pleas for home, and for teaching girls how to keep house. As women are spenders they should know real cost of living and how to buy; at the conference Miss Van Rensselaer gave a stereopticon lecture on this subject. In *Food Sanitation*, Mrs. Amidon, chairman, mentioned 15 States as having passed laws for improved conditions, and urged all federations to continue the work. She presented Dr. Henry W. Wiley, of the Washington Bureau of Chemistry, who gave a forceful address on "*Foods and Their Adulteration*;" he made a plea for the conservation of health through food, claiming that housekeepers should provide *plenty* of food, *clean* food, *fresh* food and palatably served, and urged all women to pay more attention to their *kitchens*. At the conference, weights and measures, market inspection, pure water and food laws were discussed. In *Civil Service Reform*, Mrs. Decker, chairman, Miss Bacon, Massachusetts, told of the early beginnings of this work among women's clubs, and Mrs. Coles, Nebraska, showed its moral influence and growth from 29 states to 41, while Miss Clark, Missouri, described the "*Lions in the Way*" through indifference and ignorance. The *Industrial and Child Labor Committee*, chairman, Miss Boswell, presented John Mitchell, who spoke on "*The Death Roll of Industry*," claiming that three times as many workmen are killed in America than in any other country, and that one-half of these is due to *risk* of industry. Mrs. Starkweather, Minnesota, spoke from the employer's point

of view, explaining that most employers are ready and willing to grant reasonable requests. Miss Haas, a factory inspector in Ohio, made a plea for protection of women wage earners, and these subjects were freely discussed at the conference. In *Education*, Miss Gill, chairman, reported 44 per cent. of the clubs had returned answers to the questions sent out, showing great activity in industrial education and in supporting scholarships. She introduced Miss Points, the winner of the General Federation's English Scholarship, who spoke on the necessity of knowing the conditions of women in industry. Miss Points will begin work in London in the early fall and will do original research work in the British Museum and London School of Economics along this subject. Dr. Allen, director of Bureau of Municipal Research, New York, in "*Efficiency in Getting Things Done Through Public Schools*," gave practical and helpful advice. At the conferences, humane education, influence of mothers, evils of cigarette smoking and organic education were discussed. In *Literature and Library*, Mrs. May Alden Ward, chairman, reported large proportion of clubs interested in literature; nineteen papers were submitted for the interstate library contest by ten States: Kentucky, West Virginia, South Carolina, Maryland, Arkansas, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, Utah, and Kansas, the judges selected "*Dramatic Elements of the Old Testament*," Kentucky, first place, and "*The Origins of Italian Literature*," Maryland, second place. The jury of award for these papers consisted of: Mrs. Philip Moore, Miss Helen Winslow, Miss Laura Gill, Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, and Mrs. May Alden Ward. Mrs. Ward made a plea for simpler and more uniform literary programs. Richard Burton delivered a scholarly address on "*The Theatre and the People*," advocating censorship of the stage, and Mrs. W. B. Brotherton, Cincinnati, read an original poem, "*The Seven Ages of Women*." This committee's conference was given up to the discussion of public and traveling libraries. One evening was devoted to "*Social Problems*," when "*Armament vs. Disarmament*" was presented by Lieut. J. J. Mayes, "*National Dangers and National Defense*," by Mrs. Lucia Ames Mead, Boston, "*The Franchise for Women*," by Miss Kate Gordon, Louisiana, "*Restricted Suffrage*," by Rudolph Blankenburg, Pennsylvania, and "*Anti Suffrage*," by Miss Alice Chittenden, of the New York State Association opposed to women's suffrage. One afternoon was devoted to a Round Table Conference presided over by Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, honorary president of the General Federation, when social hygiene and the white slave traffic were discussed by practicing physicians and experienced clubwomen. The subject of *Rural Conditions in America* was on the program and each member of the Board of Directors was assigned a special section of the United States, but the program was so full that there was not time to have these papers presented; they will be printed in the Tenth Biennial Report. The Legislative Committee stressed the power of State legislative work and made a plea for study of general law. The *Outlook Committee*, Miss Lake, chairman, recommended that the chairman of this committee be a member of the Board. The question of the official organ was much discussed, and the

Conquest-Bulletin was adopted for the next two years, with a possible change of name. An account of the Council meeting in San Antonio was given by Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, chairman of the Council Committee. One evening was set aside for State Presidents' Evening, when all State presidents (41 present) were seated on the stage, each State president stepping forward and giving her State's best asset in two minutes. Each one carried her State flag (all uniform size) and these were stacked on the president's table while the audience sang "The Star Spangled Banner," standing, and the United States flag was waved over all. The presidents were a splendid group of capable, handsome women, and their assets were varied, each State showing her individuality. The reports of federation work were filed with the secretary and will appear in the Biennial reports. The last evening—Wednesday—was, as usual, President's Evening, and "*Twenty Years of Retrospect and Action*" was the subject. Mrs. Joseph P. Mumford, Pennsylvania, spoke of "*Yesterday*." Mrs. J. L. Washburn, Minnesota, "*Today*," and Mrs. S. S. Platt Decker, Colorado, "*Tomorrow*." The Scottish Rite choir gave some beautiful musical selections during the evening. The Cincinnati Women's Clubs presented the General Federation with a handsome embroidered silk American flag for use at future Biennials, and the Gentleman's Committee presented Mrs. Moore with an exquisite piece of Rookwood pottery. Mrs. Cowles presided, as Mrs. Moore, although present in an invalid chair, was not equal to the effort. All delegates regretted the accident which happened to Mrs. Moore on Monday morning when she fell and fractured her leg, which incapacitated her for presiding at subsequent sessions and caused her much suffering. The singing of "America" closed the 10th Biennial. While there were no sessions on Sunday, the afternoon was set aside for an organ recital in Music Hall, and a vesper service, conducted by Miss Evans. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Philip N. Moore, St. Louis, Mo.; 1st vice-president, Mrs. J. E. Cowles, Los Angeles, Cal.; 2d vice-president, Mrs. John Sherman, Chicago, Ill.; recording secretary, Mrs. Henry H. Dawson, Newark, N. J.; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Frank N. Shiek, Wheatland, N. Y.; treasurer, Mrs. John Threadgill, Oklahoma City; auditor, Mrs. L. L. Blankenburg, Philadelphia, Pa. Directors—Mrs. Desha Breckenridge, Kentucky; Mrs. Elmer Blair, New York (nominated from the floor); Mrs. John Nash, Iowa; Mrs. Eugene Reilley, North Carolina; Mrs. Charles McMation, Utah; Mrs. Frank White, North Dakota; Mrs. J. C. Matthews, Louisiana; and Mrs. H. L. Keefe, Nebraska. Mrs. White, of Maine, was nominated by the nominating committee, but not elected, and Mrs. Maxwell, Ohio, and Mrs. Blair nominated from the floor. Mrs. Welch and Miss Poppenheim retired from the Board and did not allow their names to be used by the nominating committee. The local arrangements were most comfortable and the envelope plan for programs and printed matter found most satisfactory. Never has a Biennial City kept such open house as did the hostesses of Cincinnati. Besides the many formal official social functions there were many luncheons, dinners and other private functions extended every day. The Ohio Federation of

Women's Clubs gave a beautiful reception at the Sinton Hotel Assembly Hall Wednesday afternoon before the convention opened. Thursday afternoon, the reception by Art Club at Art Museum; Friday afternoon and evening, that wonderful river excursion extended by the gentlemen citizens of Cincinnati, when fully three thousand clubwomen enjoyed this beautiful trip on the Ohio River in two handsome, commodious boats, with good music and refreshments and marvelled at the splendid display of fireworks; Saturday afternoon, the handsome reception by the Local Biennial Board at the Woman's club house, a beautiful new model building and at the Country Club. The clubwomen of Cincinnati took the Board of Directors, chairmen of General Federation committees, and State presidents out to these functions in their automobiles and carriages. Sunday night, Mrs. Laurence Maxwell, chairman of Local Board, gave an organ recital in her home for the directors, chairmen and State presidents. Mrs. Melish's lunch in Music Hall, Mrs. C. P. Taft's lunch, and privilege of visiting her valuable collection of paintings in her palatial home, the D. A. R. reception, the Colonial Dames' meeting at Mrs. Foraker's, the reception to visiting U. D. C. and Southern women by the Stonewall Jackson Chapter at Mrs. Lloyd's, the reception to college women at the University of Cincinnati, the lunches arranged for visiting Vassar, Wellesley, Smith, and Bryn Mawr alumnae, the dinner given by Mrs. Helmuth as president of the Pioneer Workers, each in its way added to the enjoyment of the Biennial visitors, and many delegates had the pleasure of attending the reception at Fort Thomas, given by the women's clubs in Kenton and Campbell Counties, Ky. A party of about 150 took the excursion to Mammoth Cave at the close of the Biennial. Chicago and Oregon extended invitations for the Council meeting of 1911, and Utah and San Francisco for the 1912 Biennial. The Board of Directors will decide this question at their meeting in the autumn.

L. B. POPPENHEIM.

The Pennsylvania Plan of Reorganization.

Whereas, the General Federation of Women's Clubs has grown in numbers until the delegate body is so large that discussion is almost impossible and the convention difficult to manage; therefore, be it resolved:

That the Pennsylvania State Federation recommend a reorganization of the General Federation of Women's Clubs upon the following plan:

That the General Federation, like the Congress of the United States, be divided into two bodies, the Senate and the House of Representatives. The Senate to be composed of State presidents, State delegates and the General Federation secretary. The State president to be a member of the Senate by virtue of her office. The House of Representatives to be composed of delegates from individual clubs. Each body to be presided over by a vice-president. The president to direct the general management of the business of the Federation, preside over the evening meetings and other joint sessions. Further details to be developed by the General Federation board.

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 (Up-to-date Notes.)

BLANDFORD CHURCH MEMORIAL WINDOWS.—The Ladies' Memorial Association of Petersburg, Va., decided some years ago to restore and make a memorial chapel of the historic Blandford Church, which dates back to 1735, and which had been very much destroyed by the fighting around Petersburg during the War Between the States. The church is in the cemetery where lie buried about 25,000 Confederates who fell in the battles around Petersburg, Va., at the fearful massacre of the Crater. The repairs have been accomplished and the windows are being used by the different States as memorial windows to their dead. Virginia, Louisiana, Missouri, and North Carolina have already placed theirs. On June 3d, the Memorial Day of Virginia, six other States are to unveil their windows, viz.: South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Maryland. It will be a most interesting and impressive occasion and one that will thrill the hearts of all. The Memorial Association of Petersburg deserve thanks for this fitting memorial to our noble men. The windows are all the same in design, the centre is a large figure of one of the apostles, each State selecting their own. At the top the seal of the State erecting the window, and an inscription at the bottom of the glass. South Carolina's Apostle is St. Mark, Alabama's, St. Andrew. The windows have all been made in the Tiffany studios and are works of art, carrying out a systematic plan, most beautiful in detail.

SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.

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 (60 Chapters—2,400 Members.)

THE President of the Division had the pleasure of attending the conference held by the 4th district in Charleston, April 11th, and the conference held by the 1st district in Greenville, April 22d. At both conferences there was a good attendance, much interest shown, and many important U. D. C. questions discussed.

Miss Graham has called a meeting of the 2d district for June 7th, at Rock Hill, by invitation of the Ann White chapter. She has arranged a most attractive program. Mrs. Burch has selected Sumter as the place of meeting for her district, and the date will be June 10th. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance at both meetings.

The chart that has been prepared by Mrs. J. A. Burton, and being sold by her for the benefit of the Arlington monu-

ment fund, is an excellent piece of work, valuable and helpful information, almost a necessity for the chapters, and especially the new ones, and it is earnestly desired that those chapters not already provided will order at once from Mrs. J. A. Burton, Newberry, S. C.

THE QUESTION that is probably of most vital interest to the Daughters is the Soldiers' Home, and it is a pleasure to report that the Executive Committee has decided upon the disposition of the money that the Division has to its credit, to be expended for the benefit of the Soldiers' Home. At the recent meeting of the Executive Committee of this Division the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we, the executive board of the South Carolina Division, U. D. C., will gladly contribute \$1,350 toward an infirmary to be erected at once, said infirmary to be called the "Confederate Infirmary, erected by the S. C. Division, U. D. C.," and said amount to be paid out on draft as the work progresses.

It was also decided, if the committee accepts the above plan, to give credit to the chapters contributing to this fund by placing in the building a plate with the name of each chapter who gave aid. It was also decided that if the plan was accepted to request donations from those chapters who have not contributed, and the redeeming of pledges made by other chapters, this money to be used in assisting to equip the infirmary. Colonel Cardwell, for the commission, has signified their willingness to have the building erected, and the work will be begun as soon as possible. Its need is urgent, and your President now enters an earnest request for assistance in its equipment.

THE TREASURER, Mrs. Perry, reports a number of chapters who have not paid their per capita tax. Will not each chapter try to save the Division unnecessary expense, and the treasurer a great amount of work, by sending their dues at once. DO TRY.

THE NEW CHAPTERS formed since the Newberry Convention are:

Wade Hampton, Varnville, Mrs. May Francena Rice; Fairfax, Mrs. S. B. Talley; Hartsville, Mrs. E. W. Cannon; Shandon (M. C. Butler, Columbia), Mrs. U. R. Brooks; Bamberg (Frances Marion, Bamberg), Mrs. Frank Bamberg; Hampton (Jas. W. Moore), Mrs. Miles B. McSweeney.

MRS. AUGUST KOHN,
 Pres. S. C. Div., U. D. C.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA MEMORIAL WINDOW in old Blandford Church, Petersburg, Va., is to be unveiled on June 3d. The window has been placed here by the South Carolina Division, U. D. C., to perpetuate the memory of the men who died for the cause so dear to them. Governor Ansel will be present at the unveiling and take part in the ceremonies. The Hon. Francis H. Weston will also be there. It will be remembered that through his kindness the Legislature granted the request of the State Division and appropriated three hundred dollars towards the expenses of the window. The apostle selected for South Carolina's window is Saint Mark, and the inscription is: "To the glory of God, and in memory of South Carolina's patriotic sons. He doeth according to His will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth."

SARAH A. SMYTH,
 Chairman Committee.

THE WORK OF THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE will be in charge of Mrs. Alison Lawton, James Island, until November 1st. All questions and requests of chapters may be referred to her.

HISTORICAL PROGRAM: JULY.—Texas seceded February 1, 1861. Read Ordinance of Secession; note personnel and proceedings. *Suggested subjects for papers:* Compare Texas with other States of the Confederacy as to mental attitude and geographical position. The capture of Galveston. The Exploit of Dick Dowling. *Symposium:* Attitude of Gov. Houston. Exploits around Sabine Pass. Famous men.

AUGUST.—Virginia seceded April 17, 1861. Read Ordinance of Secession; note personnel and proceedings. *Suggested papers:* Virginia patriotism and heroes. Gen. Lee at Appomattox. *Symposium:* The suffering during the war. The generals of the Shenandoah Valley.

SEPTEMBER.—Arkansas seceded May 6, 1861. Read Ordinance of Secession; note personnel and proceedings. *Suggested subjects for papers:* Why did Arkansas join the Confederacy? Describe battle of Oak Hills. Importance of the Arkansas home troops. *Symposium:* The Indian regulars in the war. The forces of Generals McCullough and McIntosh.

OCTOBER.—North Carolina seceded May 20, 1861. Read Ordinance of Secession; note personnel and proceedings. *Subjects for papers:* Operations of Confederate navy off North Carolina coast. Sketch of the ironclad Albemarle. Describe battle of Williamsburg (General Hancock said of the Second Regiment: "They deserve to have 'Immortal' on their banner.") *Symposium:* Importance of North Carolina as a source of food supply. Some of her famous leaders—Branch, Ransom, etc.

HARRIET P. LYNCH, Historian.

THE CONFERENCE FOR THE FOURTH DISTRICT, SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION, U. D. C., was held in Charleston, April 11th, at the Charleston chapter's hall by invitation of that chapter. Mrs. Walter Doar, Georgetown, first vice-president, presided and there were seventeen delegates present, representing the chapters at Aiken, Orangeburg, St. Matthews, Brunson, Pinopolis and Georgetown, and a large attendance from the Charleston chapter. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. A. T. Smythe, president, Charleston chapter; the response by Miss M. McMichael, of Paul McMichael chapter, Orangeburg, while Mrs. Paulling, Orangeburg, recited a U. D. C. poem. Mrs. Leonidas Cain, of St. Matthews, made an address on "The Formation, Use and Value of Children's Chapters," and Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, Charleston, chairman of the Committee on Education, U. D. C., told of the work for education being accomplished by the U. D. C. and the South Carolina Division, and explained the methods employed in connection with the recently established scholarship at the South Carolina University. Much interest was evinced in this educational work, and there are indications that the Fourth District will make an effort to support a scholarship in the near future. Mrs. August Kohn, the State president, was also in attendance and added much to the interest of the conference in giving a clear and full account of the meeting of the Executive Board at Columbia, when plans were discussed to use the fund raised by the chapters in the Division for the Soldiers' Home, to assist in the erection of an infirmary at the Home. The following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That the Fourth District, South Carolina Division, U. D. C., in conference at Charleston April 11th, go on record as requesting that one room in the infirmary at the Soldiers' Home be named for Gen. James Conner, if the U. D. C. funds be employed to assist in the erection and furnishing of this infirmary. Mrs. Kohn also showed Mrs. J. A. Burton's U. D. C. chart to the conference, and advised chapter presidents to look into its great usefulness in their local work. Charming music, piano, violin and vocal, was given during the program by Mrs. Henry Cheves, Miss Cheves, Miss Ann Moreland and Mrs.

Doughty, and sandwiches and ices were served the visitors and chapter members present by a committee of the local chapter while a social hour was enjoyed. The following ladies, besides the Charleston chapter, were present and took part in the conference: Mrs. P. A. Emanuel, Mrs. E. C. Legare, Aiken; Mrs. Paulling, Mrs. Doyle, Miss McMichael, Orangeburg; Mrs. Leonidas Cain, Mrs. J. K. James, Miss E. Loryea, Mrs. T. C. Cain, St. Matthews; Miss H. Gooding, Miss J. Miley, Brunson; Mrs. Macbeth, Miss Gaillard, Miss Wenges, Miss M. Porcher, Pinopolis; Mrs. Walter Doar, Miss Ida Ford, Georgetown.

THE MINUTES OF THE NEWBERRY CONVENTION, November 30, 1909, S. C. Division, U. D. C., have been issued. This pamphlet of 110 pages is absolutely necessary to every chapter president and should be read carefully by each one. It contains the full report of the Newberry Convention, the reports of officers, chairmen of Committee on Education, on History, on Shiloh, and on Arlington. All the addresses on the historical evening, condensed reports from the chapters, the Constitution of the S. C. Division, U. D. C., and a roster of all chapter officers. Copies may be secured from Mrs. C. J. Milling, Recording Secretary, Darlington, S. C.

We wish to call the attention of the chapters to Kil Courtland's book, "Poems of the Piedmont," published for the author's benefit by the Dixie Chapter, of this place. The sale of the booklets up to this time has been very encouraging. A number of chapters have ordered copies, and we wish here to thank them for their interest and patronage. Every chapter in the State should possess a copy of these poems for programs at their meetings. They are beautiful and are published in an attractive form, making a nice gift for an appreciative friend. We would appreciate orders from individuals and chapters. They are 50 cents a copy.

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THIS month will be our last issue until October, and so I am glad to be able to give such a pleasing amount of news.

OUR NEW REGISTRAR, Mrs. Thomas Hardaway, Amelia C. H., has taken up the work so capably carried on by Mrs. Campbell. One trouble she is having, and toward the remedying of which Mrs. Hardaway asks your personal aid, is this: So often a paper is made out with the lady's own name, or initials, and later is reported and spoken of by her husband's initials. If each chapter will send Mrs. Hardaway a list of members, giving the name, and also husband's name, both can be kept on the Registrar's book and no further trouble exist. Our Registrar has issued this year 808 blanks for membership; recorded 288 names. Middlesex Chapter leads, with 30 new members; Allegheny comes next, with 14; Jefferson Davis, Accomac, 13.

THE NEW CHAPTERS enrolled are: Danville, 17 members; Greenville, 23 members; Stuart Wharton, 11 members; Sussex, 21 members.

THE PRESIDENT, Mrs. Eller, has visited recently the chapters at Roanoke, Bedford City, Petersburg, Suffolk, Norfolk (where there was a joint meeting of the three local chapters), Portsmouth, Newport News and Richmond.

Mrs. Eller brought greetings from the U. D. C. to the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs in annual convention at Danville, May 5th, and has actively pushed all general U. D. C. and Division interests at these numerous meetings.

N. C. PRESTON.

MINUTES OF LEXINGTON CONVENTION.—Many chapters have not ordered these minutes, and it is important that each chapter should have at least three copies. Mistakes are made by officers of chapters in ordering Crosses, application blanks, etc., because they do not know where to place their order. This morning I received an order for Crosses that should have been sent to Mrs. Alexander; all of these can be avoided by a study of the minutes. I shall be glad to fill any orders. Price, three copies, postpaid, 25 cents.

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COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.—After communicating with all the chapters in the State, I have heard from less than one-fourth; however, I submit this summary: Richmond Chapter endorsed resolutions for State College for Women; chief effort, maintenance of Confederate Museum; making a roster of Confederate soldiers; *Danville*, organized in October, interested in education, hopes for something definite this year: *Pickett*, Buchanan, has historical evening, and invites school children; *Anna Eliza Johns* gives \$5 for essay in High School and \$5 for contest from Roanoke College, R. M. I., and Danville School for Boys; *Portsmouth* perfecting plans for maintaining a student at Business College; *Kirkwood Otey* offers gold medal; *Lexington* no special educational work, efforts concentrated on hospital; *Turner Ashby*, gold medal in public schools, inspects histories and works for school libraries; *Old Dominion*, Educational work

under consultation, pictures in schools, endorsed State College for Women; *Gen. Dabney H. Maury* gives yearly \$24 to student at Jefferson Medical College; \$50 to R. E. Lee Gymnasium, at Washington and Lee University; \$5 for Mrs. Stonewall Jackson Scholarship, at Winston-Salem, N. C., Academy; \$5 to Patriotic League, school for foreign children at Independence Hall, Philadelphia; *Flora Stuart*, prize \$5 in school for United States History, pictures in schools; *Bristol*, Pictures in schools and working for compulsory education; *Tazewell*, prizes in schools, \$5 in gold for essay; *Scottsville*, prize for essay on Confederate subject; *Diana Mills*, new chapter, hopes to work for education; *Wytheville*, prize in school; *Isle of Wight*, medal for essay; *Williamsburg*, working for scholarship at William and Mary College; *Salem*, working for scholarship at Roanoke College; *Raceley Martin*, has two scholarships and gives medal for essay.

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OUR State President has recently made a delightful visit to Henderson to the convention of the federated clubs of North Carolina, and also a visit to Littleton, where she was charmingly entertained by the Daughters and by the Children's Auxiliary, "Annie Lee." Both are full of enthusiasm in the work. In Raleigh, also, Mrs. Williams met a large gathering of loyal Daughters, the Johnston Pettigrew Chapter. Mrs. Williams desires to say to the Division, through *The Keystone*, that owing to great extra expense the Soldiers' Home at Raleigh again needs their aid. Such an announcement is all that is needed by North Carolina's loyal Daughters to bring forth this assistance. The 10th, our Memorial Day, was never more generally and enthusiastically observed in North Carolina than this May. In most places the day was observed by the closing of banks and other public offices. Young and old joined in the effort to show respect to the Veterans, and

under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy dinner, as usual, was furnished the Veterans, whether of local camp or collected from their homes throughout the county.

THE RANSOM SHERRILL CHAPTER, Newton, had the pleasure of hearing a most excellent address from Hon. E. B. Cline on Memorial Day. The Children's Auxiliary, The Stars and Bars, took a prominent part in the exercises of the day.

THE JOHN T. JONES, LENOIR, have set June 3d as the time for the unveiling of their handsome monument to the Confederate dead of Caldwell county. Little Margaret Jones, a grandniece of Col. J. T. Jones, and little Dell Harper Bernhardt will unveil the monument. Arrangements will be made for appropriate ceremonies on the occasion.

THREE NEW CHAPTERS are at work in the State, writes our president—the King's Mountain Chapter, Raeford Chapter, and Ransom-Lee at Sanford.

As this will be the last number of *The Keystone* before the convention, Mrs. Wills regretfully bids adieu to the chapters.

HELEN DEB. WILLS.

The Delineator for June makes a broad appeal. The high cost of living receives attention in "A Brief for the Housewife," by Mabel Potter Daggett, who presents facts that every woman should know, in a concrete manner that is most convincing. Erman J. Ridgway, who is impressing his personality upon the magazine through the medium of the new editorial department entitled "Conversazione," discusses marriage. "There would be fewer misunderstandings and more successful marriages if more people realized that a marriage can be successful without being perfect," he says.

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